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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, ETRD, PFOR, EC

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF US EMBARGO ON ECUADOREAN FISH IMPORTS

1. "EXPRESSO", A GUAYAQUIL DAILY NEWSPAPER WHICH HAS NOT BEEN OVERLY FRIENDLY TOWARD THE US IN THE PAST, CHARGED IN ITS FEBRUARY 9TH EDITION THAT A BOYCOTT WAS BEING CARRIED OUT AGAINST ECUADOREAN TUNA EXPORTS TO THE US. "EXPRESSO" ATTRIBUTES THIS TO THE TRADE REFORM ACT, WHICH IT SAYS HAS IMPOSED A HALT ON THE SHIPPING OF FROZEN ECUADOREAN FISH TO THE US. "EXPRESSO" STATES "THE TUNA RPOCESSING COMPANIES OPERATING IN MANTA HAVE CURTAILED FULFILLING ORDERS FROM THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE US WHO HAVE CAUTIONED ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIRES ARISING AGAINST ECUADOREAN TUNA EXPORTS."

2. WE ASSUME THAT ALLEGATION THAT THE US IS CONDUCTING A TRADE BOYCOTT AGAINST ECUADOREAN TUNA EXPORTS TO THE US IS FALSE AND WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO ISSUE A DENIAL OF THESE ALLEGATIONS IN THE EVENT THEY GAIN WIDER CURRENCY IN LOCAL PRESS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
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